

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Monday, January 25, 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 4, 2016 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Wildlife Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Miles City, MT

WORK START/END DATES: Approx. May 23rd to August 19th **HOURS/WEEK:** 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: May 23rd to May 27th

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

\$9 - \$9.50/hr (depending on experience) with per diem at the state rate. *There is no overtime, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends for this position.*

A trailer will be provided for housing and a department vehicle provided for work travel. Interns must have their own transportation to and from the Miles City office. *Individuals may need to use their personal vehicle for part of the summer. If a personal vehicle is used for work, compensation for mileage will be provided at the state rate.*

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The intern will assist wildlife biologists in management of nongame and game species. The job will consist of a variety of tasks that include field and office work. This is an opportunity to learn a wide range of field skills including small mammal trapping, acoustic and mist-netting techniques for bats, habitat work on Wildlife Management Areas, amphibian and reptile surveys, and avian surveys for a variety of species (upland game birds, eagles, shorebirds, songbirds, etc.).

The intern will be responsible for data entry, data management, and the maintenance of equipment. There will also be opportunities to participate in educational outreach and presentations. Field work will primarily relate to nongame species, but will also include some focus on game species.

When assisting the nongame biologist, efforts may be focused on detecting Northern myotis (*Myotis*

septentrionalis), a bat that was recently federally listed as threatened. Efforts will include mist-netting late at night, measuring and recording morphological features of bats, and camping for multiple evenings at a time.

This position is based out of Miles City but will include travel throughout southeastern Montana to assist biologists. Most of the time will be spent in the field and may involve working in extreme conditions and remote settings.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited university or college program. This includes all public, private, community, vo-tech, and Native American institutions of higher learning. Preference will be given to those individuals enrolled in a program with wildlife biology, wildlife management, ecology, zoology, or a closely related field.

Field experience is not a requirement, but preference will be given to applicants with prior field experience that included data collection and entry. Applicants must have the ability to learn and retain new field skills quickly. Preference will be given to applicants with genuine enthusiasm, interest in learning new techniques, and those working towards a career in wildlife biology or a related field. Good map reading and orientation skills are a plus. Applicants should be able to follow oral and written directions accurately, be organized, and work well independently and with other biologists or volunteers. Social skills will be required to interact with private landowners and coordinate with other agencies.

Applicants must be physically fit and able to hike long distances while carrying equipment. Field conditions will include adverse weather, biting insects, and long hours. Applicants with a demonstrated ability to handle these types of conditions will be given preference. Overnight camping will be required periodically and applicants should provide their own personal camping gear. Applicants must hold a valid driver's license.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

Please provide a letter of interest, resume, copy of transcripts, and 3 professional references with phone numbers and email addresses, *as one document titled with your name*, to Brandi Skone at bskone@mt.gov. The letter of interest should address why the applicant wants to work with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, as well as what skills they already possess that could add to this internship.

For more information regarding this position, please contact Brandi Skone at bskone@mt.gov or 406-234-0948.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

Housing will be provided either in the form of a trailer at a nearby RV campground in Miles City or in a dorm at the local community college if enrolled there for credit. The campground will include full hook-ups (water, sewage and electric) and internet.